**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**April 8, 2013**

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1. **Call to order/ Acceptance of Agenda: Allen Reich**

Faculty Senate President Allen Reich called the meeting of the NAU Faculty Senate (FS) to order in the Kaibab Room of the Student Union at 3:01pm.

**Members Present:** TS Amer, Shadow Armfield, Charlie Balch (appeared electronically), Joyce DeVoss (appeared electronically), Chris Downum, Stephen Dunn, Ryan Kashanipour for Kate Ellis, Heidi Fogelberg, Pam Foti, Kathleen Ganley, Ro Haddon, John Haeger\*, Susan Harris, Ryan Holder, Lenka Hospodka, Laura Huenneke\*, Gae Johnson, Bob Kilpatrick (appeared electronically), Astrid Klocke, Rich Lei, Phil Mlsna, Larry Mohrweis, Guy Senese for Ishmael Munene, Ding Du for Pin Ng, Jacquelyn Schwandt for Ricardo Pereira, Pat Peterson (appeared electronically), Jennifer Prior, Deborah Raymond, Allen Reich, Linda Robyn, Vicki Ross, Allen Saunders, Nando Schellen, Erik Schiefer, Claire Schonaerts (appeared electronically), Karen Sealander, Edward Smaglik, Cathy Small, Sammy Smart, Rick Stamer, Julie Swann, Walter Vannette, David Williams, and Gerald Wood.

**Members Absent:**  Sara Aleman, Jonathan Bergeron, Natalie Cawood, Bill Culbertson, Ellen Larson, McNeill, Andrea Thode, Kathleen Timbers, and J. Allen Woodman. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Sara Bickel, David Bousquet, Cynthia Brown, David Camacho, Maria DeCabooter, Paul Gazda, Pat Haeuser, Dan Kain, Theresa Rogers for Marc Levy, John Masserini, Makenzie Mastrud, Karen Pugliesi, Eva Putzova, and Melissa Riggs.

Faculty Senate President, Allen Reich presented the [agenda](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares%5CFacSen%5CAGENDA%5CFS%20MEETING%5C2013%5CMarch%2011%2C%202013%20third%20draft.doc) for approval. **The agenda was approved.**

1. **Approval of Minutes Allen Reich**

The minutes of the [March 11th](FS%20March%2011%20%20first%20draft%20minutes.docx) senate meeting were presented. **A motion to approve seconded and passed.**

1. **Faculty Senate President’s Report Allen Reich**

Allen reported on the following:

* Shared Governance – It appears that we have a final document. This will be discussed later in today’s agenda.
* CoLT – This committee is proving to be a valuable asset in improving the effectiveness of our curriculum and assessment efforts.
* Task force on teaching evaluation and student success is making significant progress and will share a report with us today.
* The MOOCs task force held its first meeting April 2nd.

An initiate to review faculty workload will be moving forward.

1. **FS Committee and Council Reports Committee/Council Chairs**
* Council on Learning’s - Gerald Wood, Chair of the Council on Learning (CoL) and Chair of the task force on Faculty Evaluation and Student Success distributed a [report](../../../MEETING%20HANDOUTS/2013/7.%20April%20FSEC/Faculty%20Evaluation%20Student%20Success%20Task%20Force%20Report%204-22-13%20FS%20Handout.docx) of the task force.
* Bylaws Committee – Rich Lei, member of the committee to review the FS Constitution and Bylaws, outlined the [changes](../../../MEETING%20HANDOUTS/2013/6.%20April%20FS%20mtg/April%20FS%20mtg%20exec%20summary%20bylaws%20constitution.docx) to each document. He then entertained questions. He noted that the changes will be put on the May 6th FS meeting as an action item.
* Rights & Responsibilities Council – Chris Downum, a member of the R&RC spoke of the proposed changes to the COFS document. The changes and executive summary have been distributed and will be placed on the May 6th FS agenda as an action item.
* Library Committee - Lenka Hospodka, Senate Liaison to the Library Committee gave a brief report of the committees activities this past year which included information on the many changes the Library has undergone this year.
* University Graduate Committee – John Masserini, Chair of the UGC, gave a brief [report](../../../MEETING%20HANDOUTS/2013/6.%20April%20FS%20mtg/UGC%20Senate%20Report.docx) of the UGC’s activities this past academic year.
1. **FS Elections**  **Walter Vannette**

Walter Vannette, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee and Vice President, stated that the slate of officers for the executive committee and various councils and committees is ready for presentation at the May 6th meeting. The slate will be presented at that time and further nominations from the floor will be entertained.

1. **SEPAT Paul Gazda**

Paul Gazda presented the [report](../../../MEETING%20HANDOUTS/2013/8.%20March%20FSEC/Paul%20Gazda%20presentation%20March%20FSEC%20FacultySenate2013.pptx) of the Sustainable Environmental Practices Action Team (SEPAT). He noted the key role the senate has provided in this effort beginning in April 2007. He also outlined their hopes for the future and distributed an [article](../../../MEETING%20HANDOUTS/2013/8.%20March%20FSEC/March%20FSEC%20meeting%20Review%20of%20Herbicide%20Toxicity%20to%20Humans.docx) on the toxicity of herbicides.

1. **National and International Scholarships Melissa Riggs**

Melissa Riggs, of the Honors Program is the Coordinator of National and International Scholarships and Fellowships. She gave an overview of the newly formed position and the work that has been done to date. The position has been designed to help students in every aspect of the scholarship process from recruitment of scholarships and students to helping students refine their applications for submission. She noted they have created a website which has more information.

1. **Shared Governance Cathy Small/Rich Lei**

Cathy Small and Rich Lei members of the task force on shared governance, presented the [final draft](../../../MEETING%20HANDOUTS/2013/6.%20April%20FS%20mtg/Shared%20Governance%203-13-13%20for%20vote%20April%20FS%20mtg.docx) of the shared governance document and provided an overview of the collaborative effort on the part of the senate and the administration. They noted that the document serves as an understanding of NAU’s tradition of how we work and can serve as a template for other administrations. The document will now go before the full senate at the May 6th senate meeting for consideration and approval.

1. **NAU Strategic Plan Eva Putzova**

Eva Putzova, of the Planning and Institutional Research Department, gave a brief overview of the work on NAU’s Strategic Plan review. The committee continues to seek feedback. They have scheduled more in-person sessions and have a website available where questions can be posted. The website will remain up till the end of April. April 19th a subgroup will meet to begin preparation of a draft report. The work on this report is anticipated to be finalized by the end of the summer break.

**Report from the President John Haeger**

President Haeger noted the following:

* ABOR approved NAU’s tuition proposal last Thursday. However the proposed tuition change for children born to non-US citizens is still being discussed with no clear outcome anticipated. He believes this will not be acted upon until the end of this legislative session.
* He stated ABOR has discussed possible effects of the federal sequestration on higher education and is interested to know of how this may be affecting Arizona’s universities. He solicited any information faculty might wish to share on this topic.
* The Governor’s budget has not been set at this time. Therefore the university is still waiting to see how it will respond in preparing its budget.
* He introduced Sara Bickel who will be taking over MJ McMahon’s responsibilities June 30th.

He then entertained questions in which David Bousquet noted freshman enrolment is running ahead of last year at this same time. He added that we should have a better idea of this number after May 1st. Pat Haeuser noted that, aside from the freshman count, the projection for all other classes is more cautious, but we are up about 233 students even though there has been some decline in graduate and undergraduate numbers.

**Report from the Provost Laura Huennekee**

Provost Hunneke reported on the following:

* ABOR in addition to the metrics already being discussed, are expanding conversations on the quality of the education we provide. Accountability and metrics around this issue have not been decided.
* Class and program fees have been discussed with both the Deans and their fiscal mangers. This is an area ABOR is concerned with, therefore we need to be able to justify the need for theses fees and our commitment to transparency with our students about them.
* She mentioned that Astrid Klocke, Ro Haddon and other faculty from the UC, attended a national meeting on student success.
* She will be launching an academic planning process at the end of this semester and will work on this over the summer and in late August and through October will begin to engage the faculty across campus in this process. This will include assessing the affordability of programs and how we finance them as well as how we will determine the decision making process regarding new programs and those we wish to continue to invest in.

She then entertained questions.

1. **Old Business/New Business Items/Announcements Allen Reich**

Sammy Smart, ASNAU President, announced that ASNAU did not support ASU’s lawsuit against ABOR. She also introduced next year’s ASNAU President Mackenzie Mastrud. She noted that the students were happy to see the tuition pledge program approved by ABOR. She outlined some of the year end activitiees and programs they have planned.

1. **Adjourn Allen Reich**

There being no further business, **a Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.